

INTRODUCING THE SRPR ILLINOIS POET:
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Laura Van Prooyen grew up in a tight-knit Dutch community just outside of Chicago. She is author of two collections of poetry, *Our House Was on Fire* (Ashland Poetry Press, 2015), nominated by Philip Levine and winner of the McGovern Prize, and *Inkblot and Altar* (Pecan Grove Press, 2006). Her poems also have appeared in *APR*, *Boston Review*, *Ploughshares*, and *Prairie Schooner*, among others. Van Prooyen teaches in the low-residency MFA Creative Writing program at Miami University, and she lives in San Antonio, Texas.
